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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

 A method for transliteration of text in Indian languages, the method comprising:

identifying a selected portion of a text in an Indian language; and

transliterating the selected portion into a target script to form transliterated text, wherein the target script is identified in a user profile.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a selected portion of a text includes receiving a selection from a user.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the selected portion is delimited by at least one of spaces, punctuation, and document tags.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed in an application plug-in.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the application is a Web browser.
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising: replacing the selected portion with the transliterated text within the text.

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- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising: presenting the transliterated text.
- 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising: identifying one or more synonyms of the selected portion.
- 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising: transliterating the one or more synonyms into the target script to form transliterated synonyms.
- 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising: presenting the transliterated synonyms.
- 11. An apparatus for transliteration of text in Indian languages, the apparatus comprising:

identification means for identifying a selected portion of a text in an Indian language; and

transliteration means for transliterating the selected portion into a target script to form transliterated text, wherein the target script is identified in a user profile.

- 12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising: presentation means for presenting the transliterated text.
- 13. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising: means for identifying one or more synonyms of the selected portion.

- 14. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising: means for transliterating the one or more synonyms into the target script to form transliterated synonyms.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising: means for presenting the transliterated synonyms.
- 16. A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for transliteration of text in Indian languages, the computer program product comprising:

instructions for identifying a selected portion of a text in an Indian language; and

instructions for transliterating the selected portion into a target script to form transliterated text, wherein the target script is identified in a user profile.

17. The computer program product of claim 16, further comprising:

instructions for presenting the transliterated text.

18. The computer program product of claim 16, further comprising:

instructions for identifying one or more synonyms of the selected portion.

19. The computer program product of claim 18, further comprising:

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instructions for transliterating the one or more synonyms into the target script to form transliterated synonyms.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising:

instructions for presenting the transliterated synonyms.